

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 32, line 29, over to page 33, line 7, with the following

Expression of the rice clpP promoter region revealed a transcript that mapped to a region with homology to the transcription initiation site of the PclpP 53 promoter. Alignment of the rice and the tobacco sequences show significant homology downstream of the transcription initiation site, and not much homology upstream. Considering that this rice sequence was recognized by tobacco in vivo (Example II), sequences that are important for transcription initiation should be present in the rice sequence. Combining this information with the finding that 22/+25 sequences are sufficient for transcription initiation in vivo, it appears that sequences 5' ATTGTTACGTTTCCACCTCAAAGTGAAA 3' (~~portion~~ nucleotides 36 to 53 of SEQ ID NO: 25) extending from 3 to +25 contain the information which is important for PclpP 53 promoter function.